

### Latest News

- Governor Pat Quinn recently signed legislation that allows **Illinois service members deployed after the Sept. 11 attacks**

who have sustained injuries as a result of hostile actions to

**apply for \$5,000 grants**

. This legislation is effective immediately. The grants come from donations to the Illinois Military Family relief fund. Each grant recipient receives a minimum of \$5,000 and can get just one grant for each incident that resulted in injuries. For additional information,

[please click here](#)

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- Last year, Congress successfully passed the *Post-9/11* G.I. Bill. This bill included a provision that covers the full cost of tuition at four-year-colleges for veterans who served after September 11, 2001. While thousands of veterans have applied to take advantage of this new benefit, many who have applied have not yet received their payments due to delayed processing. If you have had trouble or experienced delays in receiving your benefits please visit the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Web site to apply for an emergency check:

<https://advancepay.gibill.va.gov/>

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My office can also assist you with receiving benefits, eligibility determination, and replacement of medals earned.

The following information is a list of **Frequently Asked Questions**. Please click each link for some helpful resources, or contact our district office at (773) 267-5926 for further assistance.

- [How can I contact the Department of Veterans Affairs?](#)
- [How can I get education benefits under the Montgomery GI Bill?](#)
- [How can I get medical benefits?](#)
- [How can I get information on suicide prevention?](#)
- [How can I get a home loan?](#)
- [How can I get life insurance?](#)
- [How can I get vocational rehabilitation and employment benefits?](#)
- [How can I get survivor benefits?](#)
- [What drug benefits are available?](#)
- [How can I get a copy of my military records?](#)
- [How can I apply for a medal, award, or decoration that I earned while in the service?](#)
- [How do I apply for veterans benefits online? \(VONAPP\)](#)
- [How do I appeal a decision?](#)
- [What other services are available to me?](#)

### **Veterans' facilities in and around the 5th District**

- [Chicago Regional Office](#)
- [Jesse Brown VA Medical Center](#)
- [Lakeside Clinic](#)

### **For more information**

- [United States Department of Veterans Affairs](#) (Federal benefits)
- [Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs](#) (State benefits)